

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

1. (currently amended) A circuit board connector (10), comprising:

a resin housing (11) with opposite front and rear ends, a receptacle (14) extending into the front end for receiving a mating connector substantially along an inserting direction, the receptacle (14) having a wall (12) aligned substantially normal to the inserting direction and disposed for contacting the mating connector inserted into the receptacle, the wall being formed with at least one through hole (30) for providing communication between areas inside and outside of the receptacle (14), at least one metal terminal fitting (20) being introduced through the through hole (30) along an the insertion direction (1D) from the outside rear end of the housing (11) towards the front end of the housing, the terminal fitting having at least one pressing portion dimensioned for engaging and biting into portions of the housing defining the through hole, the terminal fitting further having a front portion projecting forward of the wall and into the receptacle, and the wall (12) of the receptacle (14) being formed with at least one recess (31) by adjacent the receptacle and widening at least part of inner peripheral surfaces of the through hole (30), the recess receiving chips produced by introducing the pressing portion through the through hole.

2. (currently amended) The circuit board connector of claim 1, wherein the terminal fitting (20) has a connection leg (21) projecting from the housing (11), at least one bulge (23) bulging out in a widthwise direction from the connection leg (21) and being insertable into a circuit board.

3. (canceled).

4. (currently amended) The circuit board connector of claim 3 1, wherein the pressing portion (22A) has a front part that is slanted relative to the inserting direction (1D).

5. (currently amended) The circuit board connector of claim 1, wherein the through hole (30) is located substantially in the center of the corresponding recess (31).

6. (currently amended) The circuit board connector of claim 1, wherein the terminal fitting (20) comprises a stoppers ~~(22B)~~ for engaging a corresponding stopper receiving portions ~~(33)~~ of the housing (11) to stop insertion of the terminal fitting (20) into the through hole (30).

7. (currently amended) The circuit board connector of claim 1, wherein a the front portion of the terminal fitting (20) ~~as seen in the inserting direction (1D)~~ has outer dimensions smaller than the corresponding inner dimensions of the through hole (30).

8. (original) The circuit board connector of claim 7, wherein plating is applied to the front portion.

9. (currently amended) The circuit board connector of claim 1, wherein the terminal fitting (20) has a projecting leg (21) projecting back from the housing (11), the projecting leg (21) being bent substantially normal to the inserting direction (1D).

10. (withdrawn) A method of assembling a circuit board connector (10), comprising:

providing a housing (11) with opposite front and rear ends and a receptacle (14) extending into the front end for receiving a mating connector, a wall (12) at the rear end of the receptacle (14) being formed with at least one through hole (30) for providing communication between the rear end of the housing (11) and the receptacle (14), the wall (12) of the receptacle (14) being formed with at least one recess (31) widening an inner peripheral surface of the through hole (30);

mounting at least one terminal fitting (20) in a rear to front direction through the through holes (30) from the outside of the connector housing (11) such that the terminal fitting (20) abrades the housing (11); and

accumulating in the recess (31) debris of the housing (11) caused by the insertion of the terminal fitting (2).

11. (withdrawn) The method of claim 10, wherein the terminal fitting (20) has a connection leg (21) rearward of the housing (10), at least one bulge (23) bulging out in widthwise direction on a connection leg (21), the method further comprising inserting the bulge (23) into a circuit board.

12. (withdrawn) The method of claim 10, wherein the terminal fitting (20) comprises at least one pressing portion (22A) dimensioned for biting into portions of the housing (11) defining the through hole (30), the method comprising urging the pressing portion (22A) into the through hole (30).

13. (withdrawn) The method of claim 12, wherein a front part of the pressing portion (22A) as seen in an inserting direction (ID) is slanted, the method comprising urging the slanted front portion into the rear end of the housing (10) for guiding the terminal fitting (20) into the through hole (30) .

14. (withdrawn) The method of claim 10, wherein the terminal fitting (20) comprises at least one stopper (22B), the method comprising urging the stopper (22B) into engagement with a corresponding stopper receiving portions (33) of the housing (11) for stopping insertion of the terminal fitting (20) into the through hole (30).

15. (new) The circuit board connector of claim 1, wherein the at least one terminal fitting comprises a plurality of terminal fittings, the at least one through hole in the wall of the receptacle comprising a plurality of through holes corresponding respectively to

the plurality of terminal fittings, the at least one recess comprising a plurality of recesses formed in the wall and disposed such that each of said through holes is located substantially in the center of a corresponding one of the recesses.

16. (new) The circuit board connector of claim 15, wherein each of said through holes is of substantially rectangular cross-section and wherein each of said recesses is substantially rectangular.